# Jacksonville Retirement Reform Task Force

# Mayor's Comprehensive Retirement Reform Proposal

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### **Financial Highlights**

Saves general fund \$2.75 billion over 35 years

 Reduces City's general fund pension payments by \$130 million over next 5 years

Achieves 80% funded status by FY 2028

# New Employee Pension Design

Retirement Benefit	Current System	New Proposal
Benefit Accrual Rate	3% for 20 years, then 2% for a maximum of 80%	2.5% to a maximum of 75%
Benefit Cap	None	\$99,999 (indexed to inflation with 1.5% cap)
COLA	3% starting as early as 3 months after retirement	Capped at 1.5% starting third Jan. after retirement
DROP	Maintained	Abolished (provides Back-Drop option)
Employee Contribution	7%	10%
Final Average Compensation	Based on last 24 months of employment	Based on last 60 months of employment
Retirement Age	20 years of service	30 years of service (may retire at 25 years w/penalty)
Vesting	5 years	10 years

#### **More Significant Reforms than FRS**

- 65 of 67 counties have their public safety employees in the Florida Retirement System
- This plan will be as or more aggressive than FRS on the following benefits:

Retirement Benefit	Fla. Retirement System	City of Jacksonville
Vesting	8 years	10 years
Years to Retirement	30 years	30 years
Benefit Accrual Rate	3%	2.5%
Employee Contribution	3%	10%
DROP	Maintained	Abolished
Social Security	Provides	Does Not Provide

# **Current Employee Pension Design**

Retirement Benefit	Current System	New Proposal
Benefit Accrual Rate	3% for 20 years, then 2% for a maximum of 80%	Same
Benefit Cap	None	Same
COLA	3% starting as early as 3 months after retirement	Capped at 1.5% and tied to Social Security COLA
DROP	Maintained with guaranteed 8.4% rate	Maintained with actual rate of return (Rate floor of 0% and rate cap of 10%)
Employee Contribution	7%	10% (8% now, 10% when cuts restored)
Final Average Compensation	Based on last 24 months of employment	Same
Retirement Age	20 years of service	Same
Vesting	5 years	Same

## Payment of Unfunded Liability

 Portion of Annual Required Contribution (ARC)

 Supplemental Payment from Jacksonville Electrical Authority (JEA) until PFPF reaches 80% funded status

 Dedication of half of Chapter 175/185 funds until PFPF reaches 80% funded status

### **Key Actuarial Points**

Assumes 7.0% rate of return

 Uses same "uncombined" amortization approach as Florida Retirement System and majority of Florida municipalities

 Applies \$24 million in Enhanced Benefit Account to Annual Required Contribution (\$8M in FY15, \$7M in FY 16, \$7M in FY17, \$2M in FY18)











